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Yuba County, located in north central California, is bordered by Butte County to the north, Sierra and Nevada counties to the east, Placer to the south, and Sutter County to the south and west.

The population in Yuba County is projected to reach 84,600 by the year 2020. This will amount to an increase of about 20,000 residents or 32 percent over the current population.

The 1999 annual average statistics show the civilian labor force to be 21,100 with an unemployment rate of 11.4 percent. The state's rate was 5.2 percent for the same year.

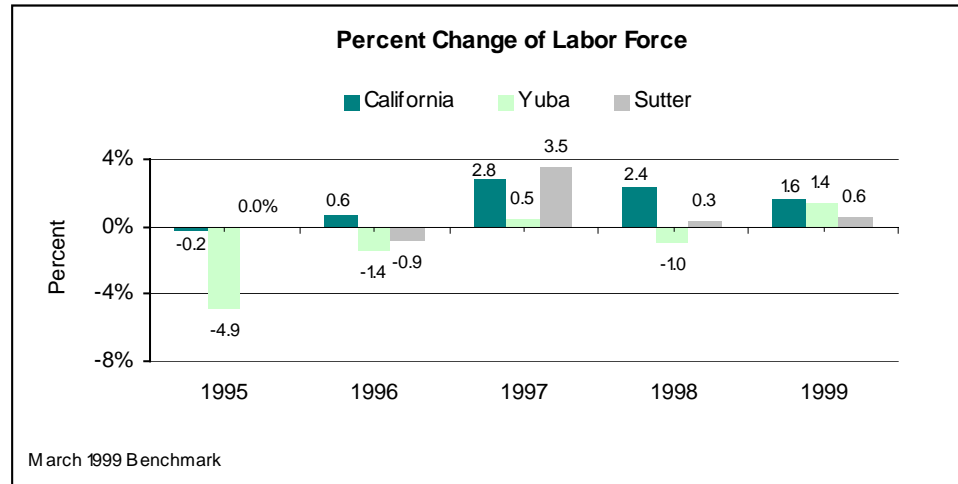
Government is the dominant industry in the county, accounting for 32 percent of all employment, with a preponderance of jobs in local government. Agriculture accounts for 16 percent, and services accounts for 18 percent with most of the jobs in the health services sector.

Yuba County together with neighboring Sutter County constitute what is known as the Yuba City Metropolitan Statistical Area. Industry employment projections combine Yuba with Sutter County and projections for the two-county area indicate that most of the jobs in nonfarm wage and salary employment will be in government, services, and retail trade. Government, the fastest growing industry, is projected to grow by almost 35 percent. Services is projected to grow by a little over 21 percent with the greatest growth in the business services sector. Retail trade is projected to grow by over 9 percent.

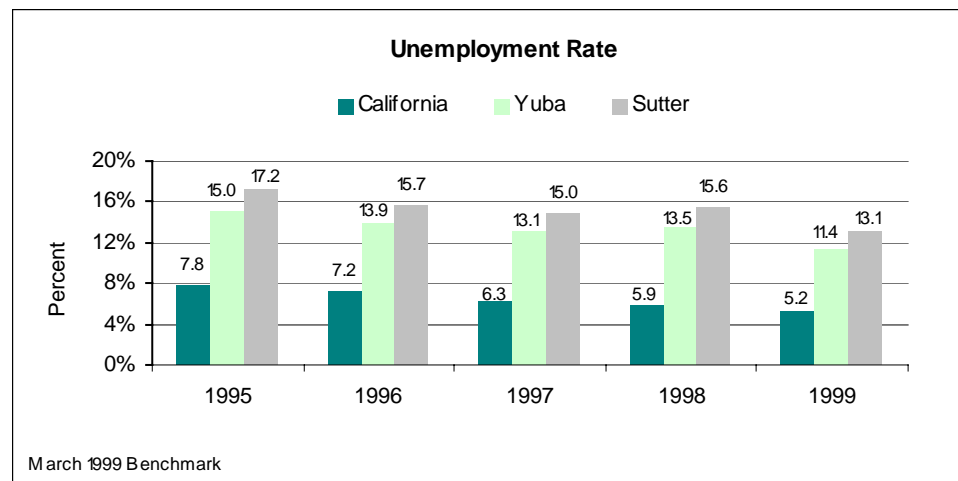
In recent years, Yuba County recorded gains in the civilian labor force and growth in the nonfarm wage and salary employment, as well as a declining unemployment rate, all indications of employment opportunities in the area.

LABOR FORCE

Agriculturally oriented counties tend to have higher unemployment rates and greater seasonal variations in employment and Yuba County is no exception. From 1995 to 1999, Yuba County recorded fluctuating growth and declines in civilian labor force. In 1999, the county reversed a decline, posting growth of 1.4 percent. Neighboring Sutter County also recorded varying gains and losses, posting 0.6 percent growth in 1999.

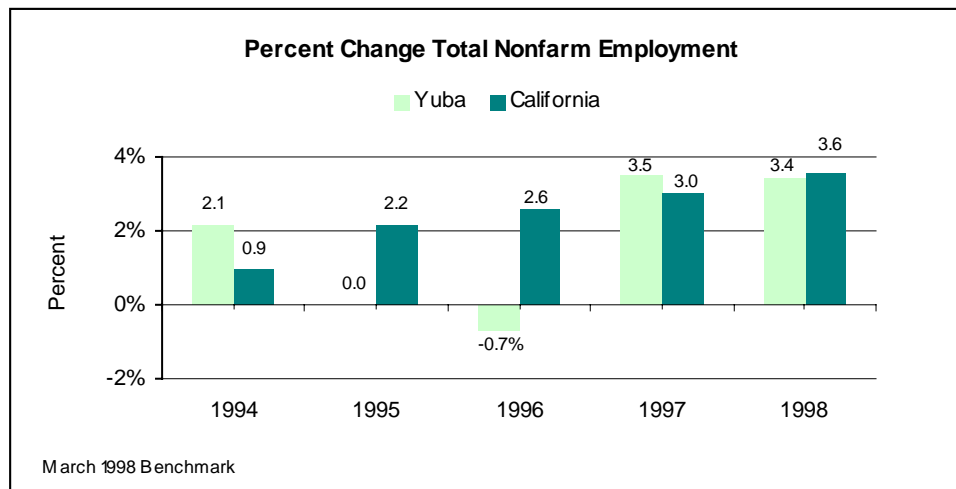


From 1995 to 1999, the annual average unemployment rate for both Yuba and Sutter counties exceeded the rate for the state. Despite this fact, the rates have been declining, and, in 1999, Yuba County posted 11.4 percent, its lowest rate in five years. Sutter County had a rate of 13.1 percent for the same year. The declining rates in both counties indicate employment opportunities in the area.

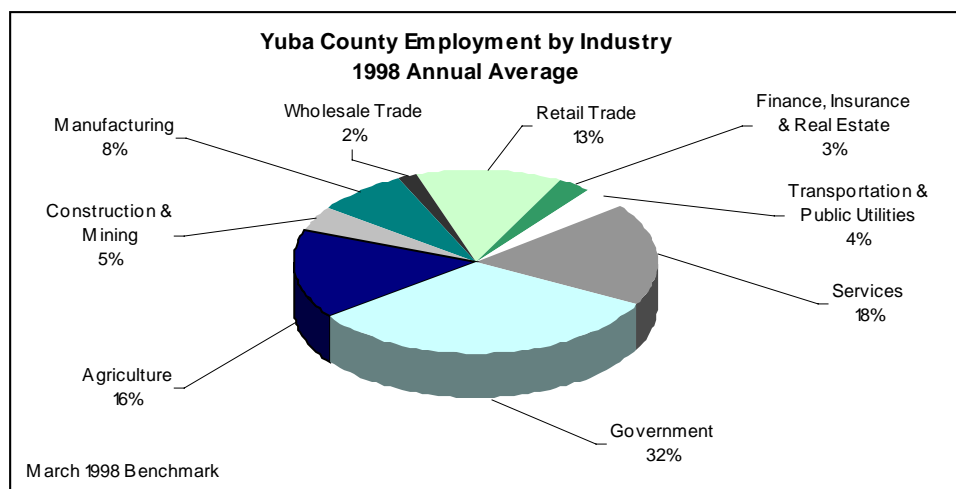


INDUSTRY EMPLOYMENT

From 1994 to 1998, payroll employment in Yuba County grew by 900 jobs or 6.3 percent. The greatest growth, 3.5 percent, was recorded in 1997 and was due, in part, to gains in local government, specifically in local public education. In 1998, the county maintained growth at 3.4 percent.



In 1998, government, agriculture and services dominated Yuba County employment. Projections in nonfarm employment for Yuba and Sutter counties, combined, indicate that services, retail trade and government will account for over 81 percent of the projected growth.



OCCUPATIONAL EMPLOYMENT

Demographic trends, shifts in demands for products or services, technological innovations and the way business is conducted are some of the variables that drive employment in an occupation up or down. Also, occupations which have large employment and have high turnover rates generally provide the most job openings. Occupational projections for Yuba County are combined with Colusa, Glenn, Lake, and Sutter counties and published as the North Central Consortium projections.

Associated Occupations	GOVERNMENT 1995 – 2002 Projected Growth 34.8%
	Recreation Workers – 90 job openings. Conduct recreation activities with groups in public, private, or volunteer agencies or recreation facilities. Bachelor's Degree. Median Hourly Wage - \$8.93
	Corrections Officers And Jailers – 80 job openings. Guard inmates in penal or rehabilitative institutions in accordance with established regulations and procedures. May guard prisoners in transit. Long-term on-the-job training. Median Hourly Wage - \$20.01
	Police Patrol Officers – 60 job openings. Maintain order, enforce laws and ordinances, protect life and property in an assigned patrol district or beat. Patrol on foot or in a vehicle; investigate accidents; apprehend, arrest and process prisoners; and give evidence in court. Long-term on-the-job training. Median Hourly Wage - \$21.26
	Fire Fighters – 50 job openings. Control and extinguish fires, protect life and property, maintain equipment as employees of city township, State or Federal Government. Long-term on-the-job training. Median Hourly Wage - \$13.08
	Sheriffs and Deputy Sheriffs – 50 job openings. Enforce law and order in rural or unincorporated districts or serve legal processes of courts. May patrol courthouse, guard court or grand jury, or escort defendants. Long-term on-the-job training. Median Hourly Wage - \$13.94
Associated Occupations	SERVICES 1995 – 2002 Projected Growth 21.1%
	Janitors, Cleaners-Except Maids – 160 job openings. Keep buildings in clean and orderly condition; perform heavy cleaning duties such as operating motor driven cleaning equipment, mopping floors, washing walls and glass, and removing rubbish. Short-term on-the-job training. Median Hourly Wage - \$8.74
	Secretaries, General – 100 job openings. Schedule appointments, give information to callers, take dictation, compose and type routine correspondence, read and route incoming mail, and file correspondence and other records. Post-secondary vocational education. Median Hourly Wage - \$11.80
	Home Health Care Workers – 80 job openings. Care for elderly, convalescent, or handicapped persons in the homes of their patients. Short-term on-the-job training. Median Hourly Wage - \$10.73
	Guards And Watch Guards – 70 job openings. Stand guard at entrance gates or walk about premises of businesses, industrial establishments, or private residences to prevent theft, violence or infractions of rules. Direct patrons or employees, control traffic. Short-term on-the-job training. Median Hourly Wage - \$8.43
	Bus Drivers, School – 60 job openings. Transport students between pick-up points and school. Maintain order during trip and adhere to safety rules when loading and unloading pupils. Short-term on-the-job training. Median Hourly Wage - \$10.39
Associated Occupations	RETAIL TRADE 1995 – 2002 Projected Growth 9.5%
	Salespersons, Retail – 110 job openings. Get the customer interested by describing the merchandise and showing how it is used. May also order merchandise, stock shelves, mark price tags, take inventory and prepare displays. Short-term on-the-job training. Median Hourly Wage - \$7.33
	Cashiers – 110 job openings. Handle cash and credit payments, make change, give receipts, account for all payments, and perform related clerical duties. Short-term on-the-job training. Median Hourly Wage - \$6.41
	First-Line Supervisor / Manager Sales – 50 job openings. Directly supervise and coordinate activities of marketing, sales, and related workers. May perform management functions, such as budgeting, accounting, marketing, and personnel work. Work Experience. Median Hourly Wage - \$13.47
	General Managers, Top Executives – 40 job openings. Include both top and mid-level managers whose duties and responsibilities are too diverse and general in nature to be classified in any functional or line area of management and administration. Work Experience, plus a Bachelor's or higher. Median Hourly Wage - \$23.85
	Waiters and Waitresses – 40 job openings. Serve food and drink to customers. Duties may include explanation about how the meal is prepared, wine recommendations or simple food preparation at the table. Short-term on-the-job training. Median Hourly Wage - \$6.06

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